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Examiner : Adrian L. Kennedy

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Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

: OPTIMIZING A

: COMPUTER PROGRAM Docket No : EVO01-0001

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 5, 2008. This Response is being filed within three months after the end of the shortened statutory period set for response. A Request for a three month extension along with the appropriate fee is being submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayments in connection with this application to Deposit Account 50-2989.

Applicants respectfully request that the above identified application be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: